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MINOR LOCAL MATTERS.

AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of Our Weary Readers.

Next Monday will be salesday, but there are no official sales to be made.

Messrs. C. W. Hill and Marion Clark, of Lake City, were in town last Saturday night.

Owing to the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. D. Moorer, there was no preaching at the Baptist church last Sunday.

The Rev. Dr. Darby, of Magnolia, will preach at the Presbyterian church at this place next Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. S. D. M. Byrd, of Scranton, was in town Monday in attendance upon the meeting of the county board of pensioners.

Mr. K. C. Barrett, of Florence, the route agent of the Southern Express Company, was in Kingstree Monday night.

There was a very severe hail-storm in the upper portion of this county last Saturday. It is said that the damage to the crops was considerable.

Misses Alma and Alice Fulton, of Forrester, who have been spending some time with relatives in town, returned home Saturday.

We are indebted to Miss Louise Gilland for an invitation to attend the commencement exercises of Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., from June 6th to 8th.

The attention of prospective teachers in the county schools is called to the advertisement of the county superintendent of education, which appears in another column.

Messrs. M. A. Ross, C. W. McClam and W. A. Weaver; Rev. W. D. Moorer and little Miss Lorena Ross attended the Union meeting at Scranton last Saturday and Sunday. The next meeting will be held at Lanes.

Mr. J. W. Register, of Trio, lost his planing mill and several hundred thousand feet of lumber on Friday, 28th by fire. The fire originated in the engine room. The total loss is estimated at \$10,000. There was no insurance.

We have received other complaints from county post offices that the County Record packages sometimes are delayed, or do not arrive at all. We wish to say again that all the bundles leave this office every Thursday, and the postmaster here says that they are all sent off promptly. We have enquired into the matter and hope to soon have it so that there will no longer be need for complaint.

In accordance with the announcement made last week, Mr. H. A. Graham liberated about four hundred carrier pigeons at the depot last Sunday morning at five o'clock. Notwithstanding the earliness of the hour, there was quite a crowd of people at the depot to witness the freeing of the birds. Some of the birds arrived in Washington within ten hours after they were turned loose. Not all of them went away, but about half a dozen stayed around town all day Sunday.

Two more convicts have been added to the county chain-gang, making the total number of the squad eight.

Miss Italine Brockinton has closed her school, which she has been teaching near Fowlers, and is now visiting her sister Mrs. D. C. Scott.

The sheriff has set at liberty the two negroes who were arrested in Hampton about a month ago charged with killing the two Italians near Salters, as no proof could be obtained as to their guilt.

A very important meeting of the Woodman of the World will be held next Monday night. Several applicants are to be initiated and other business of importance is to be attended to. A full attendance is desired.

We were told last week by one who "stands in" with the present administration that James Tharpe would be appointed postmaster here during the coming summer. If our citizens do not desire a colored man to handle their mails, something had better be done right away.

Mr. A. T. Simmons received a telegram from Charleston last Tuesday afternoon announcing the death of his brother Mr. Sedgwick Simmons, which sad event occurred in that city about five o'clock Tuesday. Mr. Simmons was also a brother of Messdames Lyon, Heller and Scott. Mrs. Heller has gone to Charleston to attend the funeral.

Quinine and other fever medicines take from 5 to 10 days to cure fever. Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic cures in ONE DAY.

One finds the expected variety in the contents of the American Monthly Review of Reviews for June. The subjects of the sugar tariff, a sixty years' retrospect of the British Empire, the recent visit to the United States of M. Brunetire, the French critic; the defective eyesight lately developed among American children, and the movement for the pensioning of school teachers, are treated in special articles. The editorial department entitled "The Progress of the World" covers such topics as American intervention in Cuba, the relation of Hawaii to the sugar question, the use of money in politics by corporations, the enlarged metropolis of New York, the fate of the arbitration treaty European alliances and the Greco-Turkish war, the future of Greece, etc.

JOHNSON'S CHILL AND FEVER TONIC

Cures Fever In One Day.

The Grand Central Hotel, in Columbia, is an ideal stopping-place. It is undoubtedly one of the best kept hotels in the State. Under the able management of Mr. A. H. Green the hotel has recently been much improved. The building has been entirely renovated, and the rooms are nice and cool. The cuisine department is looked after by experienced men, and everything works together for the good of the patrons of the house.

Old papers for sale at the County Record office.

SERVICES AT SCRANTON.

FULL ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING OF BETHLEHEM UNION.

Other Matters of Interest Picked up by our Correspondent and Sent In.

According to previous announcements, the Bethlehem Union met with the Scranton Baptist church Friday morning, 28th ult. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. E. M. Hicks, after which the organization was effected by electing Rev. W. D. Moorer Moderator and Mr. R. D. Rollins clerk. The delegates were then enrolled. Several churches were not represented. The minutes of the last Union were read and approved. The several committees were then appointed by the Moderator. Here a recess was taken until four o'clock in the afternoon.

The afternoon session was very interesting. Various topics of vital importance were discussed. The query, "what should be the attitude of the Church towards the dispensary," was interestingly debated. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that the dispensary is an improvement on the open barroom system, and that the law governing its management should be carefully observed that the work of the church should be to foment a prohibitory sentiment among the people and endeavor to secure the enactment of an absolutely prohibitory law. The impropriety of using fermented wine for sacramental purposes was discussed, and it was suggested that the practice be abandoned.

Friday night Rev. J. P. Coleman preached a splendid sermon to a very attentive audience. Saturday morning a prayer meeting preceded the session of the Union. The discussion of matters pertaining to ecclesiastical work was continued. At 11:30 Rev. A. McCa. Pittman preached. His sermon gave evidence of a lofty conception of orthodox doctrine, and deeply impressed his auditors. At 8:30 Rev. A. C. Pittman, of North Carolina, occupied the pulpit, preaching an able sermon to a pleased and profited congregation.

The missionary sermon was preached Sunday morning by Rev. W. D. Moorer. He had the subject well in hand and very forcibly presented the claim of missions on the church. A collection was taken and a nice little sum realized. The attendance upon the service was very large, the spacious church being crowded to its utmost seating capacity while some had to remain outside. This concluded the programme. The next Union goes to Lanes.

Among those who attended the Union we note: Revs. W. D. Moorer Kingstree; H. F. Oliver, Frindfield; A. C. Pittman, North Carolina; A. McCa. Pittman and W. A. Weaver, Lake City; J. P. Coleman, Liberty; E. M. Hicks, Motts; also, Messrs. M. A. Ross, C. W. McClam, J. M. Weaver, Kingstree; B. H. Myers, C. M. Hinds and Thos. Nettles, Lanes; Thos. Chandler and J. A. F. Caraway, Bethlehem.

Miss Kizzie Hicks has gone to Williston to attend the commencement of Williston High School, of which she was formerly a student.

Misses Lizzie and Hattie Sanders left Saturday afternoon for their home near Mars Bluff.

Miss Lorena Ross, the pretty little daughter of Mr. M. A. Ross, of Kingstree, spent the latter part of last week with friends in Scranton.

Mrs. W. R. Holladay and children, of Lanes, are visiting the family of Mr. A. M. Cook.

Maj. and Mrs. T. M. Creevy have returned from a visit to Trio.

Croquet seems to be the most popular means of amusement for our young folks.

Some of our citizens are already speaking of going to the mountains to spend the summer.

This community was blessed with a refreshing rain Sunday night.

A NEW DRUG FIRM.

Drs. Wallace and Johnson Have Formed a Copartnership.

Dr. W. L. Wallace and Dr. L. B. Johnson have formed a copartnership under the firm name of Wallace & Johnson. They will practice medicine and carry on a general drug business. The place of business will still be at the stand where Dr. Wallace has been for so long a time. Dr. Wallace has been in business here for a number of years, and has practiced medicine in this county for the past forty years. Dr. Johnson is also well known in Williamsburg county. He recently graduated from the Baltimore Medical college, which, by the way, is one of the foremost medical schools of this country, and a few weeks ago passed a very creditable examination before the State Board of Medical examiners in Columbia. The firm will no doubt prove to be a very popular one, and we wish it every success.

Spring Gully Items.

Seeing that you wish items from all over the county, I herewith hand you a few gathered from around Spring Gully.

There was a very delightful picnic at the school house on Saturday, the 22nd ult. Quite a crowd was present and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

The farmers of this section generally have good crops. Corn is fine; cotton is being chopped, and gardens are doing nicely. All are needing rain however.

Rev. M. Muse preached an interesting sermon for us Sunday.

Misses Allie and Mattie Parsons, of Harpers, spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. M. S. Feagin's, visiting his daughters.

Miss Emma Boyd visited at Mr. Preston Feagin's last Sunday.

Mrs. John Marshall spent last Friday with the family of Mr. P. B. Feagin.

"Sugar—the American Question of the Day" is the title of an incisive article by Mr. Herbert Myrick, of the American Agriculturist, in the June Review of Reviews. Mr. Myrick presents the farmer's reasons for insisting on a farmer's sugar schedule in the Dingley bill, as opposed to the demands of the Sugar Trust.

Recently there has been some local discussion of the quotation, "Consistency, thou art a jewel" and it seems that opinion is divided as to its author. Whether Shakespeare, Ben Franklin, E. C. Epps or someone else said it, it is nevertheless a jewel and you will always find Lesesne & Epps' prices consistent with what they claim, and the quality of goods being better than the prices asked for them seems to warrant, is the only apparent inconsistency in their business. You can buy the best pair of shoes from them to be had most anywhere for the same amount of money. They sell groceries in small quantities about as cheap as they cost you from Charleston after the freight has been added. Their stock of tobacco is large and is being sold out at exceptionally low prices and most anything else you need can be had from them at the most satisfactory prices.

LAKE CITY LETTER.

NEWS OF THE WEEK GATHERED BY OUR CORRESPONDENT.

Items of Interest to Our Many Readers in and Around the Prosperous Little Town.

Rev. J. C. Coleman, of Scranton is spending a few days in town.

Mr. Abe Isear is spending some days in Charleston this week.

Mr. J. L. Stuckey spent a few days in Florence last week.

Mr. E. F. Prosser is spending a few days at his old home at Prospect.

Quite a crowd attended the union meeting at Scranton last Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Blackwell spent Saturday and Sunday with his sick brother at Ebenezer.

Mr. Lonnie Howle and sister attended the school entertainment at Sardis last Friday night.

The hail storm last Saturday afternoon did considerable damage to crops at and around this place.

Operator R. J. Severance, now of Wilmington, came down Monday to visit friends here.

Mr. C. W. Skinner, of Darlington, spent a day or two in town last week.

Miss Daisy Hudson, of Sardis, is visiting the family of Mr. J. S. Howle.

Miss Mollie Blackwell spent a few days in Scranton last week as the guest of Miss Lillie Graham.

Rev. A. E. C. Pittman, of North Carolina, is spending some time with his brother, Rev. A. McCa. Pittman.

Mr. J. J. Morris had his fine milk cow killed by the north-bound passenger train last Wednesday morning.

Mr. J. W. Rollins, the clever salesman of Capt. W. H. Kennedy, of Indiantown, is at home on a two-weeks' vacation.

Miss Hettie Wootten will leave for her home in Clarksville, Va., Thursday morning, much to the regret of her host of friends here.

Messrs. R. E. Morris and B. L. Singletary, accompanied by Misses Harriet Kershaw and Ida Rogers, attended the "children's day" exercises at Cades last Sunday.

Messrs. H. G. Jeffords and W. M. Collins, of Lake City, have rented the saw mill of W. S. Kennedy, about two miles from town. We wish them every success in their new enterprise.

At the residence of Mr. J. R. Grimsley, on Friday night, May 29th, was given one of the most enjoyable sociables ever given in Lake City. It was given by the young men of this place in honor of Miss Hettie Wootten, of Virginia, who has been teaching here for some time. At 9 o'clock the doors were thrown open and at 9:30 the parlor was filled with charming young maidens and gallant young men, their faces beaming with the anticipation of the pleasures to be gathered at the party. At eleven o'clock refreshments were served, after which interesting games and pleasant conversations were indulged in and much enjoyed until the sad hour of leave-taking had arrived. All expressed themselves as having spent the most pleasant evening ever spent at a party in this place, so much to the credit of the committee, and Mr. and Mrs. Grimsley.

THE TARIFF ON CUTLERY.

Why the Trust Can Dictate Such Outrageously High Duties.

One of the worst schedules in the Dingley bill is that relating to cutlery—especially pocket cutlery. The duties on pocketknives range from 100 per cent to 800 per cent above present duties and are nearly double those in the McKinley bill. Why, you will ask, are these duties so extraordinarily high? And why are they allowed to remain there? Both questions are easily answered.

It is unnecessary here to go into details. Before McKinley's nomination one of the five or six large manufacturers of pocket cutlery, who was prominent in the trust, which raised prices an average of about 85 per cent under the McKinley bill, began to hustle to McKinley. He is said to have raised a large sum of money by passing the hat among the 20 or 25 cutlery manufacturers. Just how the money was spent is not known. It is probable, however, that several McKinley delegates to St. Louis owed their presence there to this fund. The hat passer himself was one of the very few delegates from New York who was for McKinley first, last and all the time. He was one of Hanna's most trusted lieutenants. One of the two favors which he is said to have asked as compensation for his valuable services was the fixing of the cutlery schedule. This privilege, being an ordinary and expected one under the protection system, was readily granted by the power behind the throne. This is probably the whole story. It explains why the duties are there and why they will stay there.

Below is given in detail some of the effects of the proposed duties as applied to importations for the last fiscal year. Of course but few knives will be imported under such exorbitant duties.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE.

First.—All pocket knives not costing more than 40 cents a dozen, 50 per cent ad valorem.

Second.—Cutting more than 40 cents a dozen, 1 blade, 20 per cent ad valorem and 40 cents a dozen.

Third.—Cutting more than 40 cents a dozen, 2 blades, 20 per cent ad valorem and 40 cents a dozen.

Fourth.—Cutting more than 40 cents a dozen, 3 blades, 20 per cent ad valorem and 40 cents a dozen.

Fifth.—Cutting more than 40 cents a dozen, 4 blades or more, 20 per cent ad valorem and 40 cents a dozen.

(If pearl or shell, 75 cents a dozen extra on 1 and 4 blades.)

Calculation showing results based on importations for fiscal year 1896: All knives costing 40 cents per dozen and less:

200,000 dozen, average price, 35 cents; value, \$70,000; 35 per cent.

Knives costing over 40 cents per dozen:

40,000 dozen, 1 blade, average price, 40 cents; value, \$16,000; at 20 per cent and 40 cents a dozen; duty, \$3,200.

200,000 dozen, 2 blades, average price, 50 cents; value, \$100,000; at 20 per cent and 40 cents a dozen; duty, \$20,000.

200,000 dozen, 3 blades, average price, 60 cents; value, \$120,000; at 20 per cent and 40 cents a dozen; duty, \$24,000.

200,000 dozen, 4 blades, average price, 75 cents; value, \$150,000; at 20 per cent and 40 cents a dozen; duty, \$30,000.

Total value, \$1,220,000; total duty, \$114,400; 1220,000 ÷ 114,400 = 10.66 per cent.

Estimated that of 2, 3 and 4 blade knives are of pearl or shell, adding duty as follows:

20,000 dozen, 2 blades, at 75c. \$15,000

20,000 dozen, 3 blades, at 75c. \$15,000

20,000 dozen, 4 blades, at 75c. \$15,000

Total value, \$1,255,000; total duty, \$129,400; 1255,000 ÷ 129,400 = 9.52 per cent.

Knives to the value of 5 per cent of importations, duty would be 50 per cent.

Knives to the value of 54 per cent of importations, duty would be 1404 per cent.

The duty on pocket cutlery for some years prior to 1890 was 24 per cent ad valorem.

From 1890 to 1895 it was 50 per cent ad valorem, with the exceptions of a short time during that period when it was 45 per cent ad valorem.

The McKinley tariff averaged about 31 per cent ad valorem.

The proposed Dingley tariff will average, based on the importations of 1895, 10.66 per cent ad valorem on 84 per cent of all knives imported during that year.

The equivalent ad valorem duties on the following popular description of knives, under the McKinley bill, Wilson bill and proposed Dingley bill, are as follows:

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2 blade pearl ladies' knives that retail at 35 cents..... 112 50 50

2 blade pearl ladies' knives that retail at 50 cents..... 50 50 50

2 blade penknives, not pearl or shell, that retail at 30 cents..... 50 50 50

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